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A FOOL AND HIS MONEY

Wealthy Lumberman Is Roundly Fleeced.

HE NEEDS A GUARDIAN

Kavanaugh Says He Met By Appointment Several Well Groomed Men.

BETS ON A WRESTLING MATCH

He Thought he Had Met a Company of Gentlemen Sports, But Discovered a Gang of Crooks, Who Fleeced Him to the Tune of \$37,500.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—J. E. Kavanaugh, a wealthy lumberman of Davenport, Iowa, reported to the police today that he had been fleeced out of \$37,500 by a gang in New Orleans which posed as representatives of a prominent sporting club. Kavanaugh says that while travelling in the middle west he was approached by a man who told him that there was a crowd of wealthy men in New Orleans who were willing to risk all they had on a wrestler here, but he knew a man named Marsh, from Seattle, who could throw the New Orleans wrestler and that opportunity presented to make a lot of money. Kavanaugh says that he met, by appointment, several well groomed men who said they had a wrestler named Gorman who could beat the world. A match was arranged and Kavanaugh bet \$37,500 on Marsh. The match was held in secret. Marsh won the first fall but when the men went to the mat the second time Marsh suddenly began bleeding at the nose. A man who said he was a doctor declared that Marsh was dying and advised Kavanaugh to get out of town if he did not want to be arrested.

NEEDS OF PHILIPPINES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 14.—W. Morgan Shuster, formerly collector of the port of Manila, now a member of the Philippine commission and secretary of the board of public instruction, arrived here yesterday on the liner Manchuria.

He says that the Philippine congress so far has proved a success. The native legislators have accepted their new responsibilities in a proper spirit and such laws as they have enacted are good.

"The Philippines," he continued, "need a chance to sell their sugar, tobacco, and other products in the U. S. They also need capital to develop their resources but will get neither until the tariff is modified in favor of the islands."

"In spite of all obstacles, however, wonders have been done in the island especially in and about Manila. We have now a good water supply, scientific sanitation, a good lighting and street car service and first class shipping facilities. The harbors have been improved, and when the tariff gives them a chance the islands will be ready to take it."

WRESTLING MATCH.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—George Gackenschmidt, the champion wrestler of the world, who will meet Frank Gotch, the American champion, in Chicago on April 3, who arrived in this city yesterday on board the steamer Lusitania, said he was in good health and confident of his ability to defeat the American champion. The

"Russian lion" says he does not want to be misunderstood by the American public.

"I would like to have it understood," he said, "that whatever may be the outcome of the match between Gotch and myself it will be an absolutely square contest in which the best man will win." While Hackenschmidt feels fine he is not quite in the best wrestling condition. "I have been working for the past year and have had little time in which to train, but I know that with two weeks training I will be in perfect shape."

To keep himself in shape, on the way over the giant competed in potato races on deck, and amused the strangers by the swiftness with which he could carry his giant size from one bucket to another.

When he was told that Gotch was a great wrestler, he said: "I'm glad to hear it. If he is as good as reports say, he is, our bout should prove a good one."

QUAKER OATS MAN DEAD.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—Edward Day, the millionaire head of the Quaker Oats Manufacturing Co., of Cleveland, died this afternoon from uraemic poisoning. He was 73 years old.

KNOCKED OUT IN EIGHTH.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, of Illinois, knocked out Johnny Murphy of this city in the eighth round of a 20-round bout this afternoon.

THE WAGES OF SIN

Pastor who Eloped With Young Woman Ask Help.

STRUGGLE OF LIFE TOO MUCH

"We Are Different From the Others," Said Cooke, "We Cannot Ask Friends to Help us, Because we Threw Aside Friends; I'm Just Tired."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Jere K. Cooke, the deposed pastor of the Episcopal Church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Floretta Whaley, about a year ago, and who it is said, telegraphed yesterday to Mrs. Keziah Whaley, the girl's grandmother for help, and that he and family were ill and destitute, were located in this city last April. The couple were found living in a suite of rooms on Masonic avenue, well to all appearances, and with comfortable surroundings.

The baby alone looked pale and peaked but the parents attributed this to the hot weather.

In an interview the former rector admitted that he had telegraphed for help, and admitted that the struggle of life had been too much for him, and that he had made a failure of everything.

"We are different from the others," said Cooke, "we cannot ask friends to help us, because we threw aside friends. We laughed at the world—and the world will laugh at us. Late-ly I have begun to realize that no man, however strong he may or however great may be his incentive, can not buck the world. It is older than us and stronger."

In reply to the question: "You are comfortable and seemingly have all you want," he said, "It is not a matter of material comfort, it is the knowledge that one is an outcast. It is the understanding that to the kind hearted you are an object of charitable curiosity and to the others just a simple cad. These are things which no man can fight and I am just tired." Cooke has some friends who say that as soon as it is known that he is in want there will be no trouble about his getting everything that he needs. They say that it is only by reason of the fact that he has not told any one of his straits that he is in trouble.

A WILD DASH FOR LIBERTY

Alia Assaulted the Guards With a Razor.

TRUSTY SERIOUSLY CUT

The Adding of a Second Murder to Denver Record Avoided by Deputy Warden.

NOT KNOWN HOW HE GOT BLADE

Alia Struggled With the Two Men Like a Wild Man and Had to be Beaten Unconscious Before he Would Give up.

DENVER, March 14.—Giuseppe Alia, the condemned assassin of Father Leo, made a wild attempt to escape from the county jail today. He assaulted a trusty with a razor blade that he secured in some unknown manner, seriously cutting him in the neck. The adding of a second murder to his Denver record was avoided by Deputy Warden Carpen, who rushed to the trusty's aid. Even with the two men struggling against him, Alia struggled like a wild man to escape and had to be beaten unconscious before he would give up. Alia afterwards absolutely refused to talk to anyone. Baron Tosti, the Italian Consul, claims the outbreak is further proof of Alia's insanity, but Attorney Widdicombe, who, under the court's order, conducted Alia's defense said: "I was not the least surprised when I heard this morning that Alia attempted to murder the guard in an attempt to escape. I regarded the man as a dangerous man even while I defended him and I had no belief that he was insane."

PREPARING BILL.

N. Y. May Buy Their Tunnels by Act of Legislature.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—To enable the city of New York to buy the completed sternway tunnel under the East River, Corporation Counsel Pendleton announced yesterday that he has prepared bills to be introduced into the legislature whereby the municipality may be empowered to purchase railroads already constructed or in the course of construction. Mr. Pendleton decided yesterday that the board of estimates is as powerless as the public service commission recently found itself to authorize the purchase of the tunnel, which Theodore P. Shonts and August Belmont recently offered to sell to the City for \$7,243,800. The pending legislation to be introduced Monday night in both senate and assembly is expected to obviate all difficulties.

NO ONE TO COLLECT RENT.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—When R. S. Copley of Stapleton, S. I. collected his rent at 44, 46 and 48 south Prince Street, Flushing, early in December, 1906, he informed one of the tenants that his only relative, a brother, had died a month or so before and that he was himself a bachelor. That same month Copley himself died.

No one has since appeared to ask for the rent of the apartments and the six families have lived rent free. The lucky families are those of Catherine Cantwell, Mrs. Christine Nix Frederick York, Louis Dietz, John Moore and the Misses Brickets. They have maintained the property in good repair at their own expense.

ANARCHISTS DISPERSED.

CHICAGO, Mar. 14.—Nearly 200 anarchists, Socialists and others assembled last night in front of a vacant store building at 392 Dearborn Street to hear a lecture by Emma Goldman, but were disappointed.

Forty or fifty policemen, with inspector Wheeler in charge, told the crowd to go away.

The police were there to enforce an order that came to Assistant Chief Schuetler from the building department warning him to permit no one in the structure which was declared to be unsafe.

Harold Leclair Nickes, the counselor retained mysterious persons for the purpose of holding a demonstration during the removal of the body of Lazarus Averbuch from the Potter's field and the performance of a private autopsy, refused yesterday to reveal the names of men and women who employed him.

FAVORABLE REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—It was officially stated yesterday that unless some new infection appears Dr. Rupert Blue's report to the federal government regarding the plague situation will be a favorable one.

The report indicates also that the imminent threat of plague has been successfully defied. All danger is not past, but the authorities have the situation so well in hand that by continuing the sanitation work they will be able to stamp out every trace of infection.

GRAIN INSPECTION

Resolutions Adopted Opposing Grain Inspection Bill.

UNIFORM WORKING IN RULES

As Near to Uniformity in Practice as Possible Under the Varying Characteristics of Different Sections of the Country in Soil and Climate.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Grain growing, shipping and exporting interests today adopted resolutions opposing the principle expressed by the grain inspection bill now pending in Congress. The resolutions recommend that efforts be made on the part of the grain exchanges to secure the adoption of uniform wording in the rules relating to grain inspection and also as near to uniformity in practice as possible under the varying characteristics of the different sections of the country in soil and climate.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

ST PETERSBURG, Mar. 14.—The committee for national defence yesterday began a final discussion of the naval estimates. The drafting committee a report recommending abandonment of the plan for the construction of new battleships in 1908 and asked for increase of appropriations for torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and hospital ships and the acceleration of their construction saying:

"In view of the situation in the Near East and the constant possibility of sudden complications there may be decisive value in rapid operations." The report also insistently demands that the Black Sea fleet be kept cruising ten months each year and continuously on a war footing.

The proposal to suspend battleship construction was warmly opposed by several of the committee men.

BARELY A LOOK-IN.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 14.—Stanford overwhelmed the Olympic Club on the track today at 104 to 18. The visitors took only one first place.

TRAIN WRECK TWO KILLED

Frisco Passenger Goes Off the Trestle.

SEVEN BADLY INJURED

The Train Was Wrecked on a Trestle While Going Across Spring Creek.

AN IRON BOLT ON THE TRACK

The Engine, Baggage Car and the Mail Cars Were Plunged Forty Feet Into the River—Wreck Occurred Eight Miles West of Bristow.

BRISTOW, Okla., March 14.—Two persons were killed, one fatally hurt and seven were more or less severely injured when the Frisco passenger train was wrecked on a high trestle across Spring Creek, eight miles west of here this afternoon. The engine, baggage car and mail cars plunged 40 feet into the river. An iron bolt on the track is believed to have been the cause of the wreck.

BANKER FRIEDBURG.

BERLIN, March 14.—The creditors of Sigmund Friedburg, a private banker and owner of a financial newspaper, who disappeared from Berlin in February, met in this city yesterday to hear the report of the receiver. They were informed that they would receive about one quarter of one percent of their claims, the assets of Friedburg being \$2750, and his liabilities \$17,000,000.

ACTIVE WORK OUTLINED

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Plans for active work were outlined yesterday by committees of the newly organized New York Women's Branch of the National Civic Federation at meetings attended by women prominent in the social world who have enrolled themselves among the active workers. Factory conditions are to be investigated by special committees appointed yesterday. Ten days will be spent by the society women in visiting industrial establishments as well as places of government employment, such as Governors Island and the custom house to find out what has been done and what is needed for bettering the workers environment.

JAPANESE WARE SALE.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—The five days of sale of the Colombo Collection of Japanese paintings, pottery, bronz and lacquers closed yesterday with total returns of \$27,649. Yesterday's sale brought in \$4,440. Many prominent persons have attended the sale. John D. Rockefeller Jr. and O. H. P. Belmont have made a number of purchases. W. Hinkle Smith, S. S. Laird of Philadelphia, I. N. Philip-Stokes, Cooper Hewitt and others were present.

SEASON CLOSED.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Closing the season of grand opera at the Metropolitan Opera House, Manager Conried announced yesterday, a cycle of performances in which the Foyr Mystic dramas of Wagner's "Nienlungen Ring" will be presented. The cycle will begin Monday evening, April 3 and Tuesday Thursday and Saturday evenings of that week.

Madame Freemstadt is announced to sing in "Rhinogold," and "Siegfried" Mme. Lefler-Burckard will take the leading feminine roles in "Die Walkure" and "Goetter-Dammerung." Mme. Norenas only appearance will be in "Die Walkure" Burrian and Burgstaller are the leading tenors for these pieces. Gustave Mahler is scheduled to conduct "Die Walkure", and "Siegfried," while Alfred Herzb will occupy the conductor's chair at the performance of "Rhinogold" and "Gottes Dammerung."

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Imprisonment for life was the verdict of the jury yesterday that tried Howard Steele, colored, convicted of attacking Mabel Miller, 17 years old, near her home last December. Steele was identified by the girl. She said that he struck her and left her unconscious in the snow. A neighbor found her and took her home. The jury agreed after a few minutes' deliberation. Steele protested that he was innocent.

FAST TIME ON TRACK.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—Meelick, who has just arrived from Pacific Coast and almost despised in the betting won the Cassie \$10,000 Crescent City derby today and at the same time broke the track record at a distance of 1 1-8 miles. A big and brilliant audience pinned its faith on Chepultepec at 1 to 3 in the betting. Time was 1:51 4-5, 2-5 of a second under the track record. In the betting Meelick opened at 4 to 1 and was backed down to 3 to 1.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION

Started in Basement of Natchez Drug Company.

EIGHT KILLED; ONE INJURED

Immediately After Explosion Wreckage Caught Fire, Setting 18 Houses Ablaze—City Under Martial Law—Local Militia Companies on Duty.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 14.—Eight dead, another badly injured, and property valued at many thousands of dollars, and a mass of wreckage, as a result of an explosion of gas late today in the basement of a five-story building occupied by the Natchez Drug Company. The dead are all women. The explosion tore away the rear wall of the building, which, in falling, crushed into an adjoining tenement building.

Immediately following the explosion the wreckage caught fire, and a stiff wind, which was blowing, carried huge sparks to the north and west, setting fire to 18 residences, seven of which were destroyed. All business was suspended and the city has been placed under martial law, with the local militia companies on duty.

STOCK MARKET UNSTEADY.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—The rise in prices which was gathering force in the hesitating fluctuations of last week, made its appearance this week with considerable increase of animation in the trading. Belief that the contraction in industrial and business activity had reached its limits, The situation, ripe for improvement was the basis factor in the movement. It was fostered by various rumors, some vague and some circumstantial. Reports of the intended permission by the interstate commerce commission for an advance in freight rates by the railroads, with a view to prevent the need of wage cuts, was a central factor in the week's market. Constant digestion of profits kept the advancing tendency irregular and unsettled.